

NABOYE SECONDARY SCHOOL

WEBINAR ON RE-OPENING OF
SCHOOLS THURSDAY 3RD
SEPTEMBER, 2020
10:20HRS – 11:20 HRS

INTRODUCTION

In order for schools to re-open during the covid-19 period, a broad risk reduction strategy must be undertaken. Practical measures must be put in place to provide a safe environment for learning and teaching.

MEASURES NECESSARY FOR PROVIDING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR LEARNING AND TEACHING.

1. Temperature screening

- Temperature screening must be taken before learners enter the school premises.
- Learners recording high temperature must be taken to the nearest clinic.
- Thermo guns will be used to take temperature.

2. Sanitation facilities:

- Adequate sanitation facilities are required
- Ensure that adequate clean running water is provided.

3. Sitting Arrangement:

- Learners should sit at 1.5m intervals to avoid over crowding.

4. Mini School Assemblies:

- Learners must be addressed in small groups to pass on announcements.

5. Disinfection and Fumigation:

- Disinfect desks, working tables and lockers.

6. Ventilation:

- Ensure sufficient circulation of clean air.

7. Isolation Room

- Set aside a designated room within the school premises to keep any learners that may show signs of ill health.

8. Provision Of Hand Washing Soap And Alcohol Based Sanitizers.

- Ensure adequate hand soap and sanitizers are provided to learners.

9. Wearing Of Face Masks And Face Shields.

- Provision of reusable face masks for learners and face shields for teachers.
- Correct use of face masks.

10. In House Covid 19 Sensitization Workshops:

- Train covid 19 leaders among learners and teachers to sensitize other learners and staff.
- Continuous reminders to observe covid 19 health guidelines of masking up, hand hygiene and social distancing.

11. Introduce Learning Sessions For Different Grades

- Reduce the number of contact hours per grade/class from 6 hours to 3 hours.
- Introduce morning, mid morning and afternoon sessions.

12. Engage External Partners

- Engage parents, Ministry of Health Officials and co-operating partners to help fight covid-19.

13. Educational Platform On ZNBC TV 4.

- This should be broadened to other platforms like Moodle, web based, Facebook, DVDS, Zoom etc.

CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS

1. **Inadequate Funding:**

- Inadequate funding to purchase hand soap, sanitizers, thermometers, disinfectants, masks, bundles for education programs and training of covid 19 leaders.

2. **Provision Of Clean Water:**

- More water is needed to enhance hygiene but water reticulation is poor.

3. **Little Infrastructural Space**

- Inadequate infrastructure to accommodate the huge numbers in schools at 1.5m intervals.
- Most schools do not have extra room for isolation rooms.

4. Poor Attitude By Parents:

- A number of parents have not taken the covid 19 fight seriously.
- Learners are poorly sensitized at home.
- Some parents do not believe that covid 19 is real.

5. Support From Cooperative Partners:

- Very few co-operating partners have taken it upon themselves to support schools the way MIET AFRICA/Future Life Now is doing.

6. Lack Of Coaches:

- The home environment needs coaches to help learners with school work.

CONCLUSION

Drastic measures should be taken to re-open schools because no nation can run without education. Learners from underprivileged homes will be hit more because they have no access to online platforms and coaches.